National Trust for Mentally Retarded Persons

1925. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of mentally retarded persons in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to set up a national trust for the welfare of the mentally retarded persons;

(c)ifso, by when;

(d) the steps taken in the matter; and

(e) what are the other measures proposed to be adopted for mentally retarded persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) In the year 1991 the National Sample Survey Organisation conducted a survey of children with developmental delays in the age group of 1 to 14 years. State-wise distribution is given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 53].

(b) to (d) The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 has been enacted w.e.f. 30th December, 1999. Section 3(1) of the Act provides for the constitution of the Trust with effect from such date as the Central Government may by notification appoint. Action to set up the Trust has already been initiated.

(e) The various programmes under the purview of the Trust will inter-alia include (a) promoting independent living in the community, (b) counselling and training of family members; (c) setting up adult training units, individual and group homes, (d) programmes for respite care, foster family care or day care service; (e) setting up of residential hostels and residential homes and (f) development of self help groups.

Report on Accounts and Financial Matters of PWB

1926. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of report of M/S Charnalia & Company in respect of accounts and financial matters of Punjab Wakf Board;

(b) the action taken thereon, so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that the expenses incurred on engaging the Chamalia firm could have been saved had the Accounts Officer been competent and efficient; and

(d) the steps taken to fix the responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) M/s. Charnalia, Bhatia & Gandhi, Chartered Accountants were engaged by the Punjab Wakf Board as Auditors to conduct audit of Punjab Wakf accounts for the year 1997-98 and 1998-99 and computerize the accounts of the Board through double entry system and prepare balance sheets. Work in respect of 1997-98 has been completed and for 1998-99 balance sheet and audit report are under preparation. The Board is taking action on the report.

(c) No Sir. M/s Charnalia, Bhatia & Gandhi Company were engaged for converting single entry accounting system followed by Punjab Wakf Board into double entry system. This work requires service of an expert agency.

(d) Does not arise.

Punjab Wakf land in Faridabad

1927. MAULANA OBAlDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position in case of Wakf land of Punjab Wakf Board occupied by Sarin brothers in Faridabad;

(b) the reasons for which the PWB has not been able to retrieve the land;

(c) who is largely responsible for the present State Of affairs; and

(d) the action taken/being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Four case of Suit of Ejectment under Section 40 of Punjab Tenancy Act were filed by the Punjab Wakf Board in the court of Assistance Collector. 1 st. Grade, Faridabad against Sudhir Sareen, Sunil Sareen, Suresh Sareen and Serajul Haq. Out of these four cases, evidence has been completed in two cases.

(b) the PWB had taken action under Section 9 of the Punjab Security of Land tenancy Act due to non payment of patta amount in 1989. Subsequently